



# Media Release

**David Campbell MP**

**Minister for Transport**

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## **PYRMONT TERRACES COULD BE RETAINED UNDER NEW METRO PLAN**

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Terrace buildings at Pyrmont could be retained under a new plan released today in the EA (Environmental Assessment) for the Sydney Metro Stage-1, Central to Rozelle.

NSW Transport Minister David Campbell today said the plan was part of the finalised EA, submitted to the Department of Planning.

“The plan allows for an extension of Union Square between Paternoster Row and Pyrmont Street, doubling the existing plaza for pedestrians, shoppers, cyclists and outdoor dining,” Mr Campbell said.

“Sydney Metro has included this new proposal as its preferred option in the EA after extensive discussions with, and feedback from, the local community and other stakeholders.

“A previous design, which involved the demolition of four terraced shops on Union Street, is also included in the EA, to allow people to consider both options and to provide feedback.

***“Under the new, preferred option, the facade and the bulk of the buildings of the four terraced shops at 3-9 Union Street would be kept intact.***

***“Part of the rear of some of these properties will need to be removed to accommodate essential station services. This work will be as minimal as is feasible.***

***“The properties will still need to be acquired due to construction impacts as it is essential to access this site to build the entries to the station below and to provide ventilation systems.***

***“Following construction, the terraces will be available to reopen as shops, reinforcing Union Street as a local commercial hub.”***

Mr Campbell said as part of the new option Sydney Metro was also considering re-establishing a building in keeping with the scale of the Victorian-era terrace that once stood at the end of the row of shops at the corner of Union and Pyrmont Streets.

“This original building was demolished some years ago but could be re-constructed to house an entry point and ventilation system associated with the Pyrmont Metro station.

“Alternatively, the station entry building on this corner site could be a more modern structure but would still be designed to be sympathetic to the existing streetscape. Sydney Metro will consider community feedback.”

The EA also contains details of other options considered for the Pyrmont station and explains why the preferred station location was selected.

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Acting Sydney Metro CEO Rodd Staples said they would now consult with the City of Sydney and residents about the management of construction at the site.

“The EA outlines in detail how construction impacts will be minimised. It also contains a detailed site assessment document that spells out all the options considered for Pyrmont,” Mr Staples said.

“Alongside the EA, station plans will also be available for public comment.

“Urban design specialists have prepared a station plan for Pyrmont and other stations on the route, and public feedback is again a vital part of this process.”

Mr Campbell said community information days would be held during September to give people the chance to learn more about the project and to ask questions of Sydney Metro staff.

For further information visit [www.sydneymetro.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sydneymetro.nsw.gov.au) or call 1800 636 910.

The Environmental Assessment will be exhibited locally until 12 October at:

- Pyrmont Community Centre.
- Ultimo Community Centre.

Following the public exhibition of the Environmental Assessment, submissions will be considered by the Director General of Planning. Sydney Metro will prepare a response to the issues raised in the submissions. The Director-General of Planning will then provide an assessment report to the Minister for Planning, who will make a decision on the project and, if approved, will set conditions of approval.

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